

## COFFEYVILLE'S BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

# BROWNFIELDS: A CATALYST FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE TRAILS NETWORK

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RECLAMATION AND RESTORATION OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES





### Purpose of the Brownfields Program

- Designed to address environmental issues that are preventing economic redevelopment
- Goal is to restore environmentally challenged property to productive use
- Direct funding for assessment and cleanup activities for contaminated properties, including planned greenspace, recreational, or other nonprofit uses



Haymarket prior to redevelopment | Lincoln, NE



Haymarket after redevelopment | Lincoln, NE





## Contaminant Challenges for Kansas Communities

- Industrial buildup in the early 20th Century
- Consolidation of industries has caused many to move locations or build new facilities



 Some industries went out of business and abandoned structures



## **Contaminant Challenges for Kansas Communities**

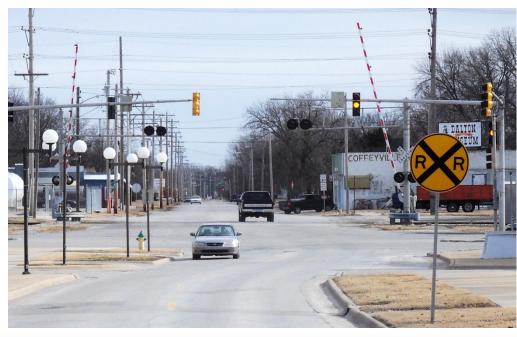
- Railroad industry once connected many of the growing towns in Kansas
- Old industries leave a legacy of contamination





## **Coffeyville Experience**

- Community History of Industry and Growth
  - Oil and gas refining
  - Metals Smelting and Fabrication
  - Bricks
  - Sherwin Williams
  - Rail Industry





### **Coffeyville Experience**

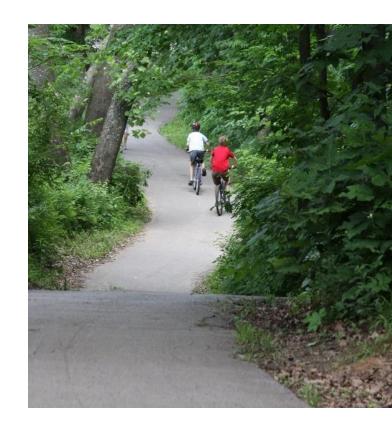
- Community Vision
  - Recreation
  - Revitalize Coffeyville
  - Connection to neighborhoods, schools, commerce





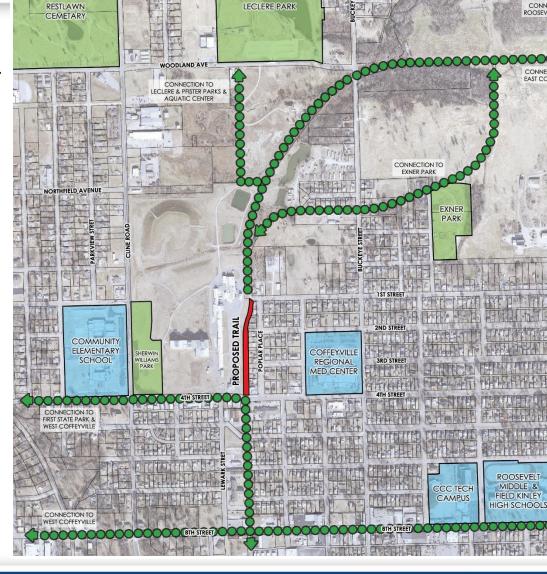
#### **Trails**

- Trails provide community use of formerly contaminated sites to provide access to new green spaces
  - Community connecting neighbors and businesses
  - Vitality brings people outside and into the community
  - Recreation and diversion
  - Greenspace from un-used space





#### WEST COFFEYVILLE TRAIL **MASTER PLAN**



PFISTER PARK



PROPOSED TRAIL



**EXISTING PUBLIC FACILITY** 



**EXISTING PARK** 



**FUTURE TRAIL ROUTES** 





DOWNTOWN & EAST COFFEYVILLE

ROOSEVELT MIDDLE &

FIELD KINLEY

CONNECT TO ROOSEVELT TRAIL

CONNECTION TO EAST COFFEYVILLE



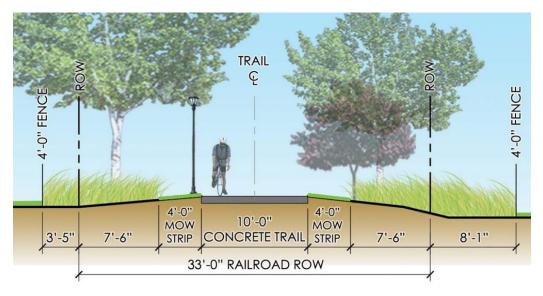
### Coffeyville Brownfields Clean-Up Grant

Permanent cover of contaminants

End goal: Convert property into a useful community

amenity

 First step in long-range development of a community-wide trail plan





Contaminant Issues Along Proposed Trails

- Railroads historically –
   TPH, PCBs, metals
- In Coffeyville, Lead and Arsenic
- Potential land use and exposure scenarios





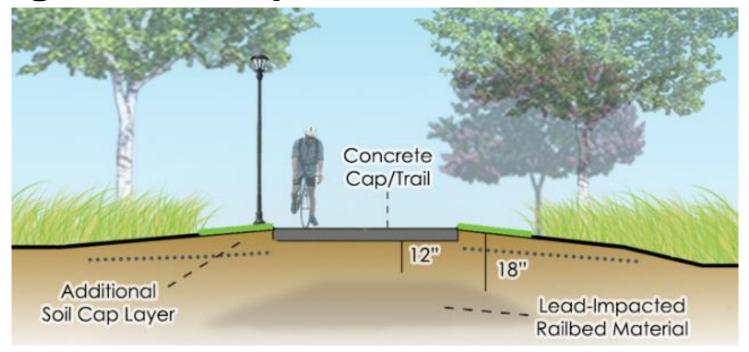
#### **Contaminant Issue**

- Lead and arsenic contamination greater than KDHE Tier 1 Residential and Non-Residential thresholds
- KDHE-funded additional investigation (Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program)
- RCRA corrective action cleaned up the property but not the former rail spur
- Contaminants are limited to former railbed ballast (sandy gravel)





## **Engineered Cap**



- Lead-containing railbed material is fully contained
- Direct exposure is eliminated
- No risk for public use





#### **Current Status**

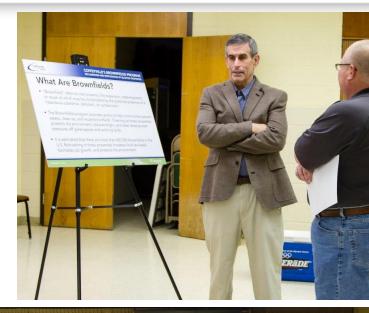
- Brownfield Analysis of Cleanup Alternatives awaiting approval
  - Investigation and identification of the extent of soil contaminants
  - Recommended cleanup alternative: Engineered Soil Cap
  - Design in process
- KDHE will oversee/administer the cleanup and trail construction (Voluntary Cleanup Program)
- Identification and assessment of additional former rail lines
  - Connection to currently-planned trail
  - Opportunity to connect parks with residential areas





## **Leveraging Funds**

- Community Involvement
  - Community involvement
    - ➤ Added funding
    - > Justification for continued growth
    - ➤ MySidewalk online outreach









## **Leveraging Funds**

#### Brownfields – the Starting Point

- Community Planning (Grant)
- Assessment Program
- Cleanup Program







#### **New Funding Opportunities**

- KDOT Transportation Alternatives
   Program
- Sunflower Foundation Grant
- FHWA Recreational Trails Program (through KDOT and KDWPT)
- Private donations
- Community organizations





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# Questions?

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